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SUBJECT: IMPROVED HAWK BATTALION FOR THE GROC

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1. REFTEL IS CHIEF MAAG'S REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO SELL A SECOND BATTALION OF IMPROVED HAWK MISSILES TO THE ROC FOR THE DEFENSE OF SOUTHERN TAIWAN. I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS REQUEST AND URGE PROMPT APPROVAL SO THAT PLANNING CAN PROCEED ON A TIMELY BASIS.

2. TAIWAN HAS ONLY NIKE/HERCULES HIGH ALTITUDE SURFACE TO AIR MISSILE DEFENSES IN SOUTHERN TAIWAN WHICH INCLUDES KAOHSIUNG, THE LARGEST PORT AND INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX ON TAIWAN. IN ADDITION MOST OF THE GROC'S NAVAL FACILITIES AND SEVERAL MAJOR AIR BASES ARE LOCATED IN THIS AREA. ADDITIONAL AIR DEFENSE IS VITALLY IMPORTANT AND WAS APPROVED IN THE JSOP.

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3. GENERAL LAI MING-TANG, CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF, HAS INFORMED CHIEF MAAG THAT THE GROG HAS DECIDED TO ACQUIRE THE IMPROVED HAWK BATTALION FOR SOUTHERN TAIWAN. IF WE FAIL TO APPROVE THIS SALE, THERE IS EVIDENCE GROG INTENDS TURN TO FRENCH ROLAND WHICH I AM INFORMED IS AN INFERIOR SYSTEM FOR THIS MISSION. PURCHASE OF THE ROLAND WOULD USE FUNDS NEEDED FOR OTHER PRIORITY PROJECTS WITHOUT SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTING TO AIR DEFENSE NEEDS. IT WOULD CREATE PROBLEMS BECAUSE INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE NEW SEMI-AUTOMATIC AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM WHICH THE GROG IS PURCHASING AND WOULD BE DIFFICULT AND EXPENSIVE TO SUPPORT BECAUSE IT WOULD BE AN ENTIRELY NEW SYSTEM.
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